

All severe weather warnings should be captioned, regardless of what market the local station is in. In Richmond, the stations tell me they don't have to caption their weather reports because they are not one of the top 25 markets in the country. Additionally, they say they provide an alternative service by putting the information into crawls, but the crawls regularly run under the captions in violation of current FCC regulations. It is unreasonable, unfair, and most of all UNSAFE for deaf and hard of hearing consumers not to be able to have the same access to life-saving information in text that is transmitted to hearing consumers in voice. These regulations should be more stringent, and then enforced better. It can be a matter of life or death, but hearing people - the ones who are in charge of things like this at the stations themselves - never think about it because they don't have to.